Selected BLS Economic Indicators

State College



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment**, **price**, **and earnings data** for Pennsylvania, State College Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes, or inflation, of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The earnings data are from the **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES).**

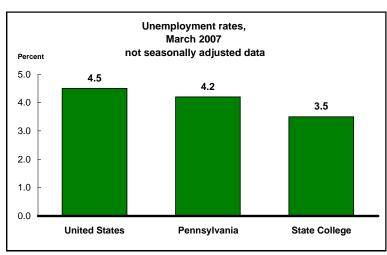
Consumer Price Index	April	April	Percent
(1982-84) = 100	2006	2007	change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	201.5	206.686	2.6
Northeast	214.7	219.501	2.2
Northeast (size class B/C)*	127.3	129.563	1.8
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	197.2	202.130	2.5
Northeast	211.0	215.802	2.3
Northest (size class B/C)*	127.6	129.856	1.8
Producer Price Index, U.S.	April	April	Percent
(1982 = 100)	2006	2007	change
Finished goods	160.7	165.8	3.2
All commodities	164.3	171.2	4.2
Industrial commodities	168.8	173.7	2.9

^{*}Northeastern cities with populations from 50,000 to 1,500,000 (December 1996=100) Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	March 2006	March 2007	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,255.0	6,913.0	-342.0	-4.7
Pennsylvania	317.1	264.1	-53.0	-16.7
State College	3.0	2.6	-0.4	-13.9
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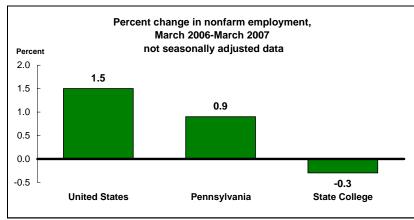
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Employment Cost Index	1st Qtr.	1st Qtr.	Percent
(December 2005) = 100	2006	2007	change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers			
United States	100.8	104.0	3.2
Northeast	100.9	104.0	3.1
Middle Atlantic	100.9	104.2	3.3
Occupational Wages	Mean Hourly Earnings		
Selected Occupations		May 2005	
State College			
All Occupations	\$16.67		
Education, training, and library	N/A		
Office and administrative support	13.22		
Construction and extraction	15.87		
Sales and related	11.90		
Healthcare practitioner and technical	57.50		
Food preparation and serving related	8.47		
Production	N/A		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	15.02		
Transportation and material moving		11.44	

Nonfarm payroll employment

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

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Area	March 2006	2007	change	Percent change
United States	134,868.0	136,835.0	1,967.0	1.5
Pennsylvania	5,697.8	5,751.3	53.5	0.9
State College	74.0	73.8	-0.2	-0.3

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